

**Subject** Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS)

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## Summary

This bill would modify requirements applicable to SSTS (i.e. septic systems). It would allow a precast reinforced concrete tank to have an opening in the exterior wall or tank bottom below the tank liquid level if the openings have been repaired or sealed and all other requirements have been met.

The Pollution Control Agency (PCA) has adopted rules applicable to SSTS, including requirements for precast reinforced concrete tanks. Under current rule, the tanks are prohibited from having “pipe penetration points or openings in the exterior walls or tank bottom below the tank liquid level, unless designed for a specific operational purpose and approved by the local unit of government.” (See Minn. Rules, part 7080.1990)